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QTE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO FAR-SIGHTED AUSTRIANS AND AMERICANS FOUNDED THE AUSTRIAN-AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION TO DEVELOP SCHOLARLY EXCHANGES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE COMMISSION WAS FOUNDED AT A TIME WHEN EUROPE WAS BEING REBUILT. THE MARSHALL PLAN THEN ASSISTING AUSTRIA'S RECOVERY BECAME CLOSELY RELATED TO THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM WHEN FUNDS FROM ITS OPERATIONS BECAME AVAILABLE FOR THE EXCHANGE SCHOLARS.

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AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES AND CULTURES HAS LONG SINCE

TRANSCENDED ECONOMIC RECOVERY. THE COMMISSION HAS HELPED BUILD A NETWORK OF MUTUALLY VALUABLE CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES BETWEEN AUSTRIANS AND AMERICANS. THE ACADEMIC INTERCHANGE THE COMMISSION HAS SO ABLY GUIDED ENRICHES BOTH OF OUR SOCIETIES AND NOURISHES OUR ABILITY TO SOLVE COMMON PROBLEMS. NEVER BEFORE HAS IT BEEN MORE IMPORTANT TO GUIDE THE RAPID PACE OF INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES AND INSTITUTIONS IN ORDER TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE COMMISSION'S FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS GOAL.

I EXTEND MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AUSTRIAN-AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION ON THIS ANNIVERSARY AND OFFER MY BEST WISHES FOR ITS CONTINUED SUCCESS. END QTE INGERSOLL

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